

Hopkinton-Webster Refuse Disposal Committee
Minutes 5th April, 2012
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Webster attendees: Barbara Corliss (chair), Ellen Kontinos-Cilley, Sally Embley, Dave Klumb

Hopkinton attendees: Richard Houston, Bob LaPree, Karen Irwin (arrived late 7:53), Richard Kennedy (arrived late 7:05) and Steve Clough (advisory member)

Public attendees: Frank Davis

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The chairperson advised that committee member Drown (Webster) had resigned.

The chairperson appointed the following as voting members: Kontinos-Cilley for Drown, Houston for Irwin.

Embley motioned to accept February 2012 minutes as written, seconded by Kontinos-Cilley. The February minutes were approved with 1 abstention: LaPree, who was not in attendance at the February meeting.

Clough presented Facility After-Hours Access Reports for February and March 2012.

Clough advised that the version of 2012 Proposed Facility Budget last presented to this committee passed at Hopkinton Town Meeting. Clough further opined that the RDC, going forward, should formally propose the annual budget to the joint Selectboards as required in the original agreement. The committee agreed.

Corliss advised that the committee's formal request to modify the existing solid waste permit was approved by the Joint Boards at separate meetings and that the Joint Board consensus was that a joint meeting was not necessary. Discussion ensued on how best to proceed with plans to open facility programs to non-residents to better utilize facility resources and increase revenues. Clough will prepare the application to the state for permit modification and present at the next meeting. Corliss will reformat Clough's Report on Non-Residential Household Wastes into ordinance form to include proposed baseline non-resident fees by program and present at the next meeting for committee review. Public attendee Frank Davis expressed support for opening facility programs to non-residents.

The Committee agreed that no further discussions were currently necessary on the Recycling objective. LaPree advised that the Hopkinton School District awarded its refuse removal contract to Waste Management via single stream processing. The Recycling Committee plans to continue its efforts to increase public recycling and reuse participation over the next year. LaPree agreed to advise the RDC of Recycling Committee activities on a monthly basis.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to table the idea of an agricultural exemption with one opposed: Kennedy.

LaPree nominated Irwin for 2012/2013 Chairperson seconded by Kennedy. Irwin was appointed chair unanimously. LaPree will record the minutes 2012/2013 to continue the committee practice of alternating the town pairing of chair and recording roles on an annual basis.

No further comments were offered by public attendee when solicited.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.